

NORFOLK, VIRGINIA
SPECIAL SESSION OF COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JULY 24, 2012

President Fraim called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. with all members present:

He thereupon called for the first item of business.

A. CLOSED SESSION

Motion for closed session was approved for purpose which are set out in Clause 1 of subsection (A) of Section 2.2-3711 of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, as amended:

- (1) Discussion of candidates for appointments.

Yes: Burfoot, Protogyrou, Riddick, Smigiel, Williams, Winn, Whibley and Fraim.

No: None.

Upon coming out of open session the Manager reviewed the agenda.

B. COUNCIL INTERESTS

1. Councilman Protogyrou asked the City Manager to: a) respond to the citizen who was campaigning in front of the Pretlow Library, b) examine whether the General District Court clerks can be brought under the city's payroll system.
2. Council asked the City Manager to schedule time at the retreat for discussion on Committee meeting presentations and participation with the Commissions and Boards.

3. Mayor Fraim referenced letters from the Chief Judge of Norfolk General District Court concerning the bus stop on St. Paul's Boulevard and its proximity to light rail, construction and a very busy intersection. He asked that the topic be scheduled for discussion.
4. Councilman Riddick asked that Dominion Power be contacted and asked to clean the tower at Norchester Avenue near Myrtle Avenue. With regard to demolition, Vice Mayor Burfoot noted that there needs to be better synchronization with Dominion Power. He asked the City Manager to check the status for the Chinese Restaurant at Virginia Beach Boulevard and Merrimac Avenue.
5. Vice Mayor Burfoot commented that the city needs proper oversight of major projects to ensure that all guidelines, building codes, landscaping plans and et cetera are complied with.
6. Councilman Smigiel suggested that OpSail and Festevents should be recognized for Harborfest and perhaps at a future Council meeting.
7. Mayor Fraim asked that Council be provided with the BPA and Maritime Association presentations.
8. Councilman Smigiel reiterated an earlier request to clean the areas around all bus shelters in the city. He added that it is not being done adequately by HRT. He asked if this was something that Waste Management could do instead of HRT. Councilwoman Williams added that the shelters also need to have better lighting.

C. URANIUM MINING UPDATED

Kristen Lentz, Director of Utilities, reported:

- Norfolk's concern is the mining site is located by the Bannister River that drains into Lake Gaston. Lake Gaston water is pumped into Norfolk's western reservoirs – the primary source of water for Norfolk and much of South Hampton Roads.
- The City's 2012 Legislative priorities included opposition to lifting the moratorium until it can be demonstrated convincingly that it is safe for the environment.
- Several studies have been conducted including a modeled worst case scenario whereby mill tailings are introduced into the Bannister River by a severe rain during an extended drought.

- Norfolk's treatment plants are capable of treating expected worst case scenario to meet Safe Drinking Water Act requirements.
- There are two potential threats to Norfolk's ability to provide water: 1) legal action preventing pumping from Lake Gaston for an extended period; and 2) safety violations by the industry.
- It is recommended to oppose lifting the moratorium on uranium mining.

D. POST 2018 SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

Ron Williams, Assistant City Manager reported:

- User agreements between SPSA and its members expire in 2018 at which time SPSA will be debt free and with assets.
- Member localities have engaged SCS Engineering to evaluate potential scenarios for managing solid waste after 2018.
- Alternatives include landfill and waste to energy.
- The study indicated a continuance of SPSA or SPSA-like organizations to be best versus of a Norfolk only contract.
- Principles have been prepared for any future regional solid waste agreement.
- It is recommended Council authorize the City Manager to negotiate with other SPSA members to seek a solution to capitalize on SPSA's assets and continue a mutually beneficial and fiscally responsible waste disposal management system.

Mr. Winn asked to look at council coming in early to hear committee presentations.